

Attending:

David Dumanovsky (Pastor, Russian Gospel Church), Bevan Dufty (Director, HOPE), Michael Priddy (Franklin Square Park), Kate & JR Eppler (400 Utah & Boosters Pres), Monisha Mustapha (Star King Nbhd), Daphne Mangawa (300 Utah), Ralph & Steve Solomon (700 San Bruno), April (600 San Bruno, SAFE), Peter (500 Vermont), Jeff Benson (300 Utah), Jean Bogiages (500 Utah, MUNA)

Bevan Dufty is in his third year as Director of HOPE and often finds it frustrating. However he is currently enthused about a potential triage center.

From the July 26, 2013 Policy Analysis Report prepared for Mark Farrell by Harvey Rose, "Of the 7,350 homeless persons reported in the HAS homeless count in 2013, 4315 or 58.7 percent were classified as "unsheltered", meaning they were living on the streets, in vehicles, encampments or makeshift structures."

From Bevan, Homeless count:

3400 on the street

1145 in shelters

800 in hospital/jail

There are 2000 homeless kids in the public schools.

40% of population in jail was homeless - now only 20% is homeless

Our shelters are 97% full

29% of the homeless population identifies as LGBT

There are 1150 shelter beds in SF

Bevan is going to Philadelphia to see their "navigator center" it is open from 8pm to 8am, police and EMS can bring people there, homeless can also self refer.

Bevan would like to open a triage center in SF, with shelter and connection to services.

2 locations are being considered:

- 1950 Mission (between 15/16th streets) there are portables that could be used. This would be available from 6-8 mos., making it a pop-up triage center.
- a site near the port, without public transportation

The Number #1 Problem - speed/meth. This population is difficult to reach out to

Care Not Cash - has a 13 million budget used to guarantee a shelter bed and \$60/mo in assistance. Now the costs have gone up.

People housed with Care Not Cash were supposed to transition out into permanent housing on their own, but they haven't transitioned. 20% of the shelter population has stayed in shelters over 200 days.

GA (general assistance) is very difficult to acquire - it takes 6-9 months and is \$60/mo = not worth it.

Bevan hopes to bring 500 more units of housing on line next year.

Housing lists are difficult - you must apply individually to each - Bridge, Mercy, TNDC (tenderloin neighborhood development Corp). The Chinese population tends to get housed as there is the Chinese Coalition that makes sure their applications are complete. 60% of the Black population get screened out as their apps are incomplete. Russians tend to have complete apps too. We need more non-profits to help people with their apps.

City program "Homeward Bound" - 8500 people sent to family outside SF, given bus ticket and food voucher. Only 24 have returned.

SF received 3 million last year from the state for homeless families

There is a charity giving out tents.

New York State Constitution states that all people have the right to shelter. CA does not.

According to Michael, Franklin Park had 5 physical assaults in the last 6 mos, and 3 dogs removed by animal control

The HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) 734-4233 - focused on high users of city services especially hospitals. Transportation, shelter, case management.

Thoughts on recommendations to how we can help:

- Next yr is an election year.
- encourage Malia to support new and innovative ideas in housing
- encourage an SRO in district 10
- participate in the homeless count that will happen this January
- find a way to help folks that are having trouble completing applications for housing
- why isn't the state helping more?

When you see homeless, call the police non-emergency number to report and ask for a CAD #. Then email that number to the police capt to ask what was done to follow up.

This "Potrero Connect" committee will meet again in the middle of January to continue to work on the issue. Jean will arrange a meeting date.

Related links:

<http://www.sfmayor.org/index.aspx?page=905>

People meeting with Mission district Capt Perea
Monday Dec 8, 5:30pm
1744 Bryant at 17th street
Michael's house

